



Global Immigration alert

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China Mainland

Updated visa-free transit policy for certain foreign nationals

Executive summary

Effective 17 December 2024, the Chinese mainland authorities extended the visa-free transit policy to 240 hours (from 72 and 144 hours). The authorities also added 21 new entry-exit ports of to facilitate the movement of foreign nationals.

Key developments

Foreign nationals from [54 jurisdictions](#), including Brazil, Canada, Germany, the United Kingdom and the United States, who seek to transit through the Chinese mainland may enter (and exit) via 60 designated ports in 24 regions, and remain in the Chinese mainland for up to 240 hours before traveling to their next destination.

Impact on employers

These changes are expected to benefit employers that send impacted individuals to the Chinese mainland for business or other qualifying purposes by reducing the time and expenses associated with admission and increasing the authorized stay period.

Key steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.



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